

## MAY BREAK GROUND FOR RAILWAY TODAY

Problem of Financing Yorktown  
Line Project Solved at  
Last.

### OFFICIALS ARE NOT TALKING YET

News That Work on Road is to Begin  
at Once Peculiarly Welcome to  
Every Interested in Newport News  
and the Peninsula Just at This  
Time.

From a reliable source it is learned  
that the problem of financing the Vir-  
ginia Peninsula Railway project has  
been solved and the company is in a  
position to begin at once the work of  
constructing its road from this city  
to Yorktown.

It is understood that the promoters  
of the project have even advanced  
their plans to such a stage as to be  
ready to break ground for the line to-  
day.

When seen by a reporter for the  
Daily Press yesterday Mr. J. L. Pat-  
ton, one of the vice-presidents and  
chief promoter of the company, de-  
clined to talk for publication. He  
practically admitted that there was  
"something doing" but said that he  
would not be in position to discuss the  
matter until today.

The news that the building of the  
Yorktown line is assured and that  
work is to begin without delay is pec-  
uliarly welcome to everyone inter-  
ested in Newport News and the penin-  
sula just at this time. It is generally  
admitted that the building of the road  
will be the greatest thing that has  
been done for the upbuilding of the  
city and section in many a day.

It is probable that an official state-  
ment concerning what is to be done  
will be issued by the company today.

### Y. M. C. A. SAILING PARTY LEAVES TONIGHT FOR NEW YORK

Young Men Will Spend Ten Days  
on Chartered Four-masted  
Schooner.

Tonight a party of young men from  
the Y. M. C. A. will leave for New  
York on a four-masted schooner which  
they have chartered for a cruise of  
ten days on the coast.

Those who have signified their in-  
tention of joining the party are: W.  
B. Colonna, G. F. Lenz, Edward Lash,  
W. E. Hull, Fred Barrett, A. W.  
Daughtrey, J. E. T. Hunter, Leroy  
Gray, Walter McFall, W. M. Parker,  
G. W. Meadows, R. W. Davis, McMil-  
lan, Watson, Harry Heat, Joseph  
Dunkes, Rayfield and W. R. Lynch.  
Many others are expected to make  
the trip.

### FAREWELL SMOKER.

Knights of Columbus Honor Grand  
Knight O'Connell.

An enjoyable smoker was tendered  
Mr. M. J. O'Connell last night by New-  
port News Council, No. 551, Knights  
of Columbus. Mr. O'Connell, who is  
grand knight of the council, leaves to-  
day for Washington to spend a month  
with relatives.

The affair was given at the Com-  
mercial Hotel. Mr. H. J. Fitzgerald  
acted as toastmaster. Speeches were  
made by Messrs. B. J. O'Hara, S. J.  
Lottier, M. Leo Knell and Joseph Ha-  
kan. Messrs. George Oldewurtel,  
Thomas L. Horan and Henry J. Starn  
sang songs.

Among the especially invited guests  
was District Deputy Joseph Johnson,  
of Portsmouth.

Messrs. Oldewurtel, Knell, Mar-  
lowe, Kiley and Maloney composed  
the committee which arranged for  
the smoker.

### "PIKERS" VS. CRITTENDEN.

Pocahontas Champions Going Across  
River for Game.

The Pocahontas "Pikers" will go  
over to Crittenden today to meet the  
Crittenden ball players on their own  
diamond. The game will be called at  
1:30 o'clock.

Captain Hazar, of the "Pikers" has  
secured several of Dr. Loeb's "has-  
beens" to strengthen his team.

### HOTTEST DAY OF SUMMER.

Mercury Hit the 101 Mark in Shade  
Yesterday.

Yesterday was the hottest day of  
the summer. At 3:30 o'clock in the  
afternoon the mercury in a thermom-  
eter in the shade at Washington ave-  
nue and Twenty-sixth street, regis-  
tered 101 above zero. At 6 o'clock the  
mercury was hovering around the  
95 mark and at 11 o'clock last night it  
had not gone lower than 86.

Grea crowds of people went to the  
summer resorts looking for breezes  
during the evening.

### Conning Tower Installed.

The conning tower was installed  
on the armored cruiser North Caro-  
lina, under construction on the north  
side of ship trestle, No. 1, at the  
local shipyard yesterday. Owing to  
the weight of the tower immense  
shear legs had to be constructed  
on board of her and the tower had  
to be set in place by means of them.

## SHIPBUILDERS EXPECT TO TRIM BOYS FROM PORTSMOUTH TODAY

Local Nine Has Been Considerably  
Strengthened and Fast Game is  
Looked For.

When the Portsmouth nine and the  
Shipbuilders cross bats at the Casino  
Park at 4 o'clock this afternoon it is  
expected that one of the fastest  
matches of the season will be pulled  
off. The home team has been great-  
ly strengthened during the past week  
and it expects to give the Portsmouth  
aggregation the fight of their lives.  
John O'Hara, who has been playing  
second base for the past two sea-  
sons has been changed to the third  
sack to replace Claire Young, who  
has returned to Pennsylvania. Cun-  
ningham will take O'Hara's place at  
second and Buchanan, a new find,  
will be at short. "Buck" made his  
initial appearance with the Ship-  
builders in Crittenden last Wednes-  
day and he more than made good  
both in the field and at the bat.

Curtis will cover first today while  
Pat O'Hara will be backstop for  
Beeks, who will twirl. Maloney,  
Hughes and Hayes will take care of  
the three gardens.

## Social-Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Ashton S. Wray, who  
were married Wednesday at Philadel-  
phia, reached the city yesterday from  
Atlantic City. They were accompa-  
nied by Misses Gwendolyn and Kate  
Evans, sisters of the bride, and Miss  
Bertha Tice, of Reading. The bride  
and groom are at home to their  
friends at 228 Twenty-ninth street.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hirsh, of Cincin-  
nati, O., who are the guests of Mr. and  
Mrs. Abe Horwitz were entertained  
on a launch party Thursday evening  
by friends. They leave tomorrow for  
home.

Mr. Harry and Miss Laura Gildner  
have returned from Cornell Univer-  
sity where Miss Gildner this year re-  
ceived her degree of bachelor of arts.

Miss Lucile Cooper, left yesterday  
for Rappahannock county to spend  
several weeks with friends.

Miss Cora Clement and Mr. Ray  
Courtney were awarded the decision  
in the prize waltz held at Pine Beach  
Thursday evening under the auspices  
of the hook and ladder company of  
Portsmouth. A silk parasol and a  
hat were the prizes.

### TROOPS FETED ON LONG "HIKE."

Appreciative Kansans Remember Ser-  
vice Soldiers Rendered.

LEAVENWORTH, KAN., June 29.  
—The Sixteenth battery, siege artil-  
lery, the heaviest guns in the world  
on wheels, and capable of following  
an army in its marches overland,  
has left Fort Leavenworth for Fort  
Riley, Kan., for its annual target  
practice and to participate in the  
big war manoeuvres to take place  
there this summer.

For the first time in the history  
of the battery it left its post fully  
equipped for war, carrying its own  
ammunition. One hundred and sixty  
rounds of ammunition, consisting of  
seven-inch shells, each projectile  
weighing 105 pounds, accompanied  
the battery, and five big army wa-  
gons were required to transport it.

The march to Fort Riley will be  
over 200 miles, yet it is thought the  
battery will be able to make it by  
easy stages in eight days. It is nec-  
essary, when the battery travels to  
strengthen all bridges over which  
its heavy guns pass, as they weigh,  
complete, 10,000 pounds. The gun  
barrels alone weigh 3,650 pounds.

The battery has twice before made  
the trip to Fort Riley in June, and  
each time has encountered floods.  
Three years ago it was marooned on  
an island several days because of  
the flood in the Kansas river, and the  
men were reduced almost to starva-  
tion. On the trip two years ago it  
did splendid work at St. Mary's,  
Kan., in saving the lives of several  
persons who were being swept along  
the Kansas river by the flood, and  
at Perry, Kan., the battery men  
turned in, and, with the aid of the  
local firemen, saved a big grain ele-  
vator from burning.

In recognition of their services, the  
residents of these two towns sent  
word to Capt. John Hains, in com-  
mand, that they desired to give ban-  
quets in honor of the soldiers when  
they passed through.

### All for the Best.

Bronson—Yes, my daughter's com-  
mencement essay was very fine.

Woodson—Did you enjoy it?

Bronson—I should say so! I wish  
I could write something like it.

Woodson—You regret not having  
applied yourself to literary pursuits.

Bronson—No. If I had I probably  
couldn't have afforded to give Vir-  
ginia the education which enable her  
to produce this masterpiece.—From  
Judge.

## APPROPRIATION FOR EXPOSITION IS MADE

House and Senate Agreed Last  
Night Upon the Sundry  
Civil Bill.

### COMMITTEE'S REPORT ADOPTED

Three and a Quarter Millions Provid-  
ed for Federal Participation in  
Jamestown Tercentennial in Addi-  
tion to Appropriation Made Last  
Year—Senator Daniel's Amendment.

At last the Federal appropriation  
for the Jamestown tercentennial ex-  
position is a certainty. Last night an  
agreement was reached by the Senate  
and House upon the sundry civil bill,  
which includes an appropriation of  
\$1,325,000 for government participa-  
tion in the great fair which is to be  
held on Hampton Roads next year. The  
report of the committee upon this ap-  
propriation was adopted without  
change.

Except for a reduction of \$25,000 in  
the appropriation for government  
buildings and the elimination of an  
item of \$100,000 for the transpor-  
tation of troops, the total appropriation  
provided in the sundry civil bill is the  
same as was provided in the exposi-  
tional bill which was before the indus-  
trial arts and expositions committee  
of the House.

Senator Daniel offered the amend-  
ment to the sundry civil bill to make  
the Jamestown appropriation. The  
\$1,325,000 is in addition to the \$25,  
000 appropriated for the exposition by  
the government a year ago.

The elimination of the appropria-  
tion for the transportation of troops  
amounts to nothing as the money nec-  
essary to transport soldiers to the ex-  
position will be paid out of the \$12-  
000,000 appropriation in the army ap-  
propriation bill.

### Report Adopted.

The conference report on the bill  
relating to the movements and an-  
chorage of vessels in Hampton Roads,  
the harbors of Norfolk and Newport  
News and adjacent waters during the  
Jamestown exposition, was adopted  
by the House today.

### LARGE CROWD AT BUCKROE.

Extreme Heat of Last Night Drove  
Many to Popular Resort.

The intense heat of last night was  
the means of driving one of the largest  
crowds of the year to Buckroe  
Beach, where the breezy sea breezes  
prove a boon to sweltering humanity.  
From earlier in the evening until  
late the cars of the street railway  
company were well filled, while many  
were crowded in persons seeking re-  
lief.

The crowd in the theatre witnessed  
a production of "Fanchon, the Crick-  
ett," by Miss May Hillman and her  
stock company. The various vaude-  
ville acts proved enjoyable.

Tonight "Fanchon, the Crickett,"  
will be given again and on Monday  
evening, "East Lynn" will be the at-  
traction in the casino.

As an additional attraction for the  
women and children on July 4, a spe-  
cial matinee will be given in the the-  
atre in the afternoon, when the May  
Hillman Stock company will present  
"East Lynn."

### REPAIRS TO MONITOR ARKANSAS COMPLETED AT SHIPYARD

Vessel Will Go Up Coast With Mid-  
shipmen—Work at Yard  
Inspected.

The United States monitor Florida,  
which arrived here from Sloman's Is-  
land two weeks ago after losing her  
starboard tail shaft and starboard  
wheel, was floated out of dry dock  
No. 1, at the local shipyard, yesterday  
morning. The vessel has been in the  
basin since last Monday having a  
new shaft and wheel set in place.

The Florida will now join the Ar-  
kansas and cruiser Newark, which  
are anchored in the stream off the  
Casino. It is understood that she  
will make the trip up the coast with  
the vessels when they sail from this  
port next week.

While the Florida was in the ba-  
sin the midshipmen aboard her spent  
sometime inspecting the work now in  
progress on warships building her for  
the United States navy. The midship-  
men on the other two ships in the  
harbor have also paid several visits  
to the yard for the same purpose.

The forward starboard 8-inch gun  
turret has been set in place on the  
battleship Minnesota, now under con-  
struction at the local shipyard. The  
forward 12-inch gun turret has al-  
ready been placed on the vessel and  
her aft 12-inch and other three 8-  
inch gun turrets will be installed as  
soon as possible.

### RATE BILL SIGNED.

Act Providing for Battleship Too is  
Endorsed by President.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., June 29.—  
The President tonight at 11:15 signed  
the railroad rate bill. He also signed  
the bill for the construction of a

lock canal across the Isthmus of Pan-  
ama.

A considerable number of bills have  
been signed by the President within a  
day or two, including the naval ap-  
propriation bill, the military academy  
appropriation bill and the measure per-  
mitting of cattle to remain on trails  
thirty-six hours without unloading the  
time, heretofore, having been 24  
hours.

### Here After Men.

Mr. George Stute, representing the  
Cramp shipbuilding company, of Phil-  
adelphia, is in the city for the pur-  
pose of securing machinists, shipfit-  
ters, riveters and boiler-makers. The  
Cramp company seems to be certain  
of landing the contract for one of the  
battleships.

### AMATEUR JOURNALISTS.

Association to be Formed by Young  
Men of Four States.

Mr. A. M. Hamilton, of this city and  
Mr. T. M. Goffrey, of Baltimore, have  
started a movement looking toward  
the organization of an amateur jour-  
nalistic association, to be composed  
of amateur journalists of Virginia,  
Maryland, West Virginia and Dela-  
ware.

Circular letters have been sent to  
the foremost amateur journalists of  
each State inviting them to join in the  
movement and it seems probable that  
the movement will be a success.

Mr. Hamilton stated last night that  
the chances for securing the 1907  
convention of the United Amateur  
Press Association of the United States  
to meet in this city were very bright.

### MR. J. E. NELMS DEAD.

Old Resident Passes Away After Ling-  
ering Illness.

Mr. J. E. Nelms, who has been  
seriously ill and practically at death's  
door for months, passed quietly away  
yesterday morning at his home "The  
Gloucester."

Arrangements for the funeral are  
being made by Magruder Camp, Con-  
federate Veterans, of which the de-  
ceased was an active member until  
his illness.

### MAJ. GILKERSON TO RESIGN.

Third Battalion Must Choose Another  
Commander.

Major John H. Gilkerson, command-  
ing the third battalion of the 71st Vir-  
ginia regiment has decided to tender  
his resignation for business reasons.  
The major has for some months been  
with the Chesapeake and Ohio engi-  
neering corps and has not been able  
to give his attention to military duties.

Captains R. E. Wilkins, of this city,  
and Thornton F. Jones, of Hampton,  
are mentioned as probable candidates  
to succeed Major Gilkerson.

### SEWER IS COMPLETED.

East End Now Drained Without  
Pumping Station.

The city sewer department has  
completed the new storm water and  
sanitary sewer in East End and that  
section of the city is now being  
drained without the pumping station.  
The sewer cost the city something  
like \$8,000. The expense of maintain-  
ing the pumping station has been  
nearly \$5,000 annually.

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